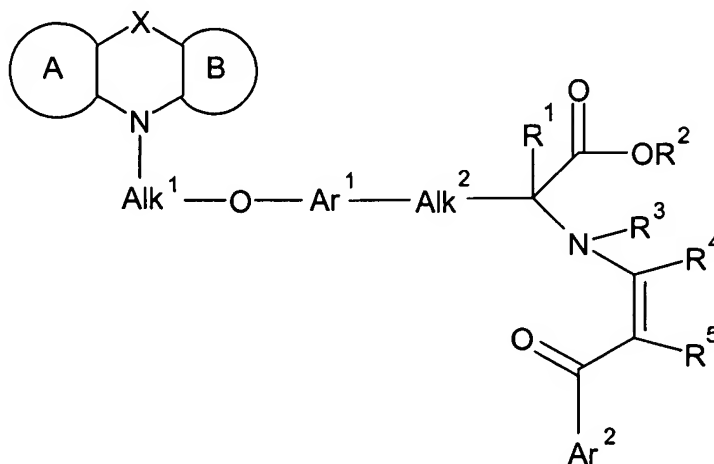


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is the preparation and pharmaceutical use of substituted arylalcanoic acid derivatives of Formula I, wherein ring A, ring B, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, X, Alk¹, Alk², Ar¹, and Ar² are as defined in the specification. These compounds, as selective agonists activating peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors (PPAR), in particularly the RXR/PPARalpha, RXR/PPARgamma, and RXR/PPARdelta heterodimers, are useful in the treatment and/or prevention of type 2 diabetes and associated metabolic syndrome such as hypertension, obesity, insulin resistance, hyperlipidemia, hyperglycemia, hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis, coronary artery disease, and other cardiovascular disorders with improved side effects profile commonly associated with conventional PPARgamma agonists.



Formula I

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